Who Builds the Church: Christ or Man?

The Builder of the Body is the Lord Jesus. (And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18; ...nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church. Ephesians 5:29)

The Lord has set laws of operation in His body to keep it clean, closely knit, and well compacted. There are specific laws to the body, according to which the members relate to each other. (That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 1 Corinthians 12:25; Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2)

Satan's activity is to find tricks through which these laws are not put into practice, which will result in the scattering of the flock. (...the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. John 10:12)

Satan knows that the member/child alone cannot survive if it is not closely bound in the Body/Family. (And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. Ezekiel 34:5) So, his major attack is for the members not to be closely bound to one another, which can ultimately lead to the death of the member.

Our enemy's goal is for them to live scattered, each to their own, and works in various ways to bring people to just a form of godliness, a form that gives them the impression that they have life from above. (For men shall be lovers of their own selves... having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. 2 Timothy 3:2, 5)

The Lord Jesus tells us that grievous wolves will enter in among the flock, not sparing the flock, their activity being that of scattering. (For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock; Acts 20:29; ...the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. John 10:12)

The devil seeks to destroy the purpose of the Body through these. We are warned to beware of them, as they are very dangerous because they are clothed in sheep's clothing. (Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Matthew 7:15)

They are found everywhere, leaders of cults, of large churches, preachers, theology professors... who work to maintain a certain system of organization, which consists only of worship programs and which constitutes the foundation of the scattered flock; a

system that focuses on worship and not on the care of the sheep. (Ye have not healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken; ...neither have ye sought that which was lost. Ezekiel 34:4)

This system of organization, with schools/religious institutions, prepares and authorizes ministers, professionals in worship/preaching. Then, these ministers, through the positions they hold, are compelled to give teachings that maintain this mode of organization, the effect being the scattered flock. (I have not sent them... but they prophesy a lie in my name, that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish. Jeremiah 27:15)

By implementing this system, the work of caring/shepherding the flock has been replaced with the work of worship. Thus, the involvement of the Spirit in the work of shepherding/caring for the sheep is blocked. (Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God. Acts 20:28) This has led to the situation in most of today's congregations, where brothers like the apostle Peter (who was a fisherman), who meet the criteria from Titus chapter 1, but without theological studies, are no longer deemed suitable for this task.

Through this pattern of institutionalized organization, Satan has deceived many into believing that it is not necessary for the members to live according to the law of Christ. (Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2)

If we ask for an answer to some questions that may arise regarding our service in the Church, as well as for the numbing of conscience, these teachers/specialists in scattered flocks, will invite us to participate in all sorts of projects/imitations of services, which may seem good, but will never call us to care for one another and bear one another's burdens.

Such activities counterfeit the way of care we are called to, the only one that keeps the body closely joined together. (That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 1 Corinthians 12:25) In this way, Satan prevents us from understanding that we need to have a spiritual family life, similar to the natural family, where we all must participate concretely in taking care of the members of the Body/Family.

The goal of our enemy is for us not to be closely knit to one another, to not see the sickness of sin by which we are affected (e.g., worldly lifestyle, the filth of the internet...), so that no one takes care of us to be healed.

He does everything he can so that our relationships are not close, but only superficial, to not come to know each other's problems. In this way, the practice of the laws of the well-knit body, such as watching, admonishing, disciplining, submitting... are almost reduced to zero.

We need to understand that any attempt on our part to replace the real life of the Body, through various activities, such as: worship programs, socializing, youth meetings, organizing picnics, choir... will only give us a form of godliness. (For men shall be lovers of their own selves... having a form of godliness. 2 Timothy 3:2, 5)

If we look around us, the evil one has done his work well. In most churches today, people are scattered, coming only to a religious program. Each lives for themselves, being concerned only with their personal problems, without interest in living for the benefit of others. Whoever looks more closely will easily see that almost everywhere the phenomenon of the scattered flock is manifested...

It cannot be said today that the Church is closely knit, well joined together. If a member suffers from a spiritual disease, no member/or almost none is interested to know his illness and does not suffer/does not take care of him.

With this pattern of organization and worship, Satan has dealt a death blow to many people. The mode of organization, with only 2-3 worship programs per week, was designed in such a way that it does not occur to anyone that the members need to participate in the real life of the Body, by bearing one another's burdens.

It can be easily observed, that where this pattern is implemented, based on worship programs, there are multitudes of souls/members who are just consumers of these programs, whom no one takes care of, whom no one holds accountable.

Against the backdrop of this scattered flock, many have come to misunderstand the importance of the Body of Christ, allowing themselves to be absent from the assembly for months or years at a time, a large part of them being away in various parts of the world in search of earthly things.

However, they remain on the membership list, without being sought after or even asked where they are. (...they are scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. Ezekiel 34:6)

This happens because the majority of us disregard the Word of the Lord, which asks us to watch over one another and not to forsake the Body of Christ. (And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. Hebrews 10:24, 25)

Another trick through which the foundation of the scattered flock is being worked on is by promoting the teaching that says in the Body of Christ/Church, the tares dwell together with the wheat, light together with darkness; a teaching that today is widely spread and has caught on with many people.

Through this counterfeit teaching, the Lord's teaching is disregarded, which says that the children of light cannot dwell together with the children of darkness, as well as the teaching of the Lord Jesus, which says that the tares are sown in the field, which is the world. The field is the world, not the Body of Christ!

In the body of Christ, there is no tare, in His body there are no dead members. (The field is the world. Matthew 13:38; What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14, 15)

Even though the teaching of Scripture warns that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump, most have chosen to disregard this truth.

The fruit of this teaching is the toleration of sin; the leaven that leavens the whole lump/death of the flock. (Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 1 Corinthians 5:6) By accepting this teaching, brotherly submission, rebuke, and discipline remain without object.

If we look at the teaching of the Old Testament, it is just as restrictive as that of the New Testament. (There shall not be found among you any man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations: there shall not be among you any root that beareth gall and wormwood. Deuteronomy 29:18)

Through this teaching, the heresy that destroys is sneakily introduced, disregarding the teaching of Scripture that tells us to watch, so that in the body of Christ there be no worldly person. (Looking diligently lest any man ...a profane person. Hebrews 12:16)

Questions:

– Can we be of the Lord if we are members of a scattered assembly, where the law of Christ is disregarded and not kept? (Bear ye one another's burdens... Galatians 6:2)

– If we are absent from the assembly for a month, two...Does anyone see that we are missing, does anyone look for us? Or does no one notice? (My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. Ezekiel 34:6)

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